

EXHIBIT A



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Applicant : Gary Piaget et al.
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For : EXERCISE DEVICE WITH TREADLES

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning on page 1, line 3, through page 2, line 10 with the following amended paragraphs:

The present application is a non-provisional application claiming priority to co-pending ~~U.S. provisional~~ Provisional application Application No. 60/451,104 titled entitled "Exercise Device With Treadles," filed on 28 February 2003, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/450,789 entitled "Dual Deck Exercise Device" and filed on February 28, 2003, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/450,890 entitled "System and Method for Controlling an Exercise Apparatus" and filed on February 28, 2003, which ~~[[is]]~~ are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

The present application incorporates by reference in its entirety, as if fully described herein, the subject matter disclosed in the following U.S. applications:

~~U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/450,789 entitled "Dual Deck Exercise Device" and filed on February 28, 2003;~~

U.S. Patent Application No. ~~[[_____]]~~ 10/789,182 entitled "Dual Deck Exercise Device" and filed on February 26, 2004; which is further identified by Dorsey & Whitney LLP Docket No. 2072/US/2 and U.S. Express Mail No. EV 304 883 450 US;

~~U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/450,890 entitled "System and Method for Controlling an Exercise Apparatus" and filed on February 28, 2003;~~

U.S. Patent Application No. ~~[[_____]]~~ 10/789,579 entitled "~~Control~~ System and Method for Controlling an Exercise Apparatus" and filed on February 26, 2004; which is further identified by Dorsey & Whitney LLP Docket No. 2076/US/2 and U.S. Express Mail No. EV 447 463 112 US;

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. ~~[[_____]]~~ 60/548,265 entitled "Exercise Device with Treadles" and filed on February 26, 2004; which is further identified by Dorsey & Whitney LLP Docket No. 34005/US and U.S. Express Mail No. EV 447 463 280 US;

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U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. [[_____]] 60/548,786 entitled "Control
System and Method for ~~Controlling~~ an Exercise Apparatus" and filed on February 26, 2004;
which is further identified by Dorsey & Whitney LLP Docket No. 34006/US and U.S. Express
Mail No. EV 447 463 126 US;

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. [[_____]] 60/548,811 entitled "Dual
Treadmill Exercise Device ~~having~~ Having a Single Rear Roller" and filed on February 26, 2004;
which is further identified by Dorsey & Whitney LLP Docket No. 34007/US and U.S. Express
Mail No. EV 447 463 293 US;

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. [[_____]] 60/548,787 entitled "Hydraulic
Resistance, Arm Exercise, and Non-Motorized Dual Deck Treadmills" and filed on February 26,
2004; which is further identified by Dorsey & Whitney LLP Docket No. 34103/US and U.S.
Express Mail No. EV 447 463 302 US; and

U.S. Design Application No. 29/176,966 entitled "Exercise Device with Treadles" and
filed on February 28, 2003.

REMARKS

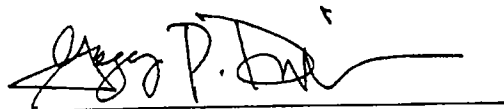
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(4) and § 1.78(5), this Preliminary Amendment is submitted to assert additional priority claims to related earlier filed applications. This Preliminary Amendment further updates the indication of various priority references and references incorporated by reference to include application numbers, which were not available when the application was filed. These and other minor changes add no new matter to the application. The additional priority claims are made within 16 months from the filing dates of the priority applications.

It is believed no fees are due with this Preliminary Amendment; however, if any fees are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415.

If the Examiner should have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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